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GERMANS STUBBORN.

Bank Deposits Seized.

INCREASING DISORGANISATION REPORTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 19.

The executive council of the Imperial Union of German Industries has decided to telegraph to Herr Thyssen expressing "gratitude for the pride and mainly attitude of the Ruhr industrialists," urging them to hold out. Doctor Buecher, the acting chairman, declared that Germany's watchword must be to hold out under all circumstances, and France would finally realise that M. Poincaré's policy was disastrous.

Berlin, January 19.

A report that a mission is leaving for London is officially denied.

Cologne, January 19.

The Inter-Allied Rhineland Commission has promulgated an ordinance for the seizure of the coal tax revenues and customs receipts and certain pledges in connection with forest resources in the occupied territory. The British representative did not vote.

Paris, January 19.

M. Cachin, the Communist member of Parliament, has been arrested.

Berlin, January 19.

It is semi-officially announced that the Rhineland High Commission to-day seized the deposits in the Reichsbank branches in Mayence, Wiesbaden, Worms, Bingen and Bonn, and has prohibited payments. The general embargo was subsequently removed, but the seizure of deposits in the custom and finance offices is being maintained.

Berlin, January 19.

A message from Bochum says the German Government has granted a first advance of a milliard marks as compensation for losses in the Ruhr.

Mines Taken Over.

Berlin, January 19.

A message from Essen says the seizure of the State mines at Buer, Westerholt and Horsthemer began this morning. The French troops occupied all the important positions in the mines, and several mine managers were arrested and taken to Dusseldorf.

Essen, January 19.

When the French seized the State mine of Bergmannsgluck at Westerholt the mine officials refused to accede to the demand to despatch coal to a particular destination, whereupon the manager was arrested and the others were ordered to remain in their offices day and night. Similar incidents occurred at Recklinghausen and Buer. The over-head workers at the latter place ceased production of coke and demanded the release of the imprisoned officials and withdrawal of the troops, threatening to down tools. The workers' council threatened similar action. Buer is the most important centre for generating electricity for all the State mines.

Berlin, January 19.

Herr Cuno has issued a manifesto to the Federal Governments in which he says the distress of the vast majority of the population has been intensified by the Franco-Belgian invasion. All authorities must energetically combat gluttony, luxury and the abuse of alcohol, and immediately prohibit the sale of drink to youths, rigorously punish drunkenness, introduce early closing and withdraw the licences of taverns, dancing halls, et cetera.

London, January 19.

The Italian Government has informed the French and British Governments that Italy regards the present situation in the Ruhr as being fraught with great danger, and has suggested that further forcible steps be only taken after mature consideration.

SOUTH AFRICAN TEST MATCH.

Fine Score by England.

Durban, January 19.

On the resumption of the Test match to-day, the weather was fine, and there were 7,000 people present. The wicket was an easy one. England concluded a fine, exciting innings, which had commenced with the loss of two wickets for two runs, with a total of 425, mainly due to the magnificent play of Mead.

The match was resumed cautiously this morning, and by lunch the score stood at 298 runs for 5 wickets. The crowd battered Mead and Mann, who together added 134 for the sixth wicket. Mann compiled 84 runs, including two sixes and ten fours. Mead's total was the splendid one of 181, knocked up in five hundred minutes, and his scoring included thirteen hits to the boundary. He gave two chances. His monumental patience and imperturbable defence were, in the circumstances, the most correct tactics. The bowling was uniformly good, and Hall did best, taking 4 for 103. The fielding was for the most part excellent.

South Africa had scored 70 without the loss of a wicket when stumps were drawn.

FRANCE AND THE WASHINGTON TREATIES.

London, January 19.

The correspondent of the Morning Post at Paris says there appear good prospects that the French parliament will ratify the whole Washington Treaty, with reservations, which are not expected to be important, with regard to France's right to protect her coasts and ensure communications with her colonies by means other than capital ships, and also with regard to the definition of merchantmen in wartime and certain unimportant clauses of the agreement relating to China. It is hoped all the agreements will be ratified by February 15.

WRITING BY WIRELESS.

Paris, January 19.

The French telegraph service is experimenting with Belin's system of telegraphic wireless transmission of photographs and handwriting. It is hoped the system may be useful for transmission of ideographs, obviating translation of Chinese, Japanese and Roman characters.

RUSSO-FRENCH TRADE IN ABEYANCE.

London, January 19.

Reuter understands that the French Government has declined to agree to M. Herriot's proposals, consequently at present there is no expectation of a resumption of Franco-Russian trade.

HEAVY WEATHER.

Ships Go Aground.

Several of the boats to come into port this morning report strong monsoon and heavy seas. The s.s. Kutang, bringing the Home mail, was first of all due yesterday, the announcement being later altered to the effect that she would be in to-day. It is now notified that she will not arrive until to-morrow, on account of heavy weather.

Two of the boats to come in this morning, report having received wireless messages from other boats aground. Three days ago the s.s. Empress of Russia, which came in at daylight, having anchored in Junk Bay all night, picked up faint "S.O.S." messages but could not make out the name of the ship from which such messages were being sent. Later messages revealed that the distress signal had been sent from the s.s. Stenordis, which reported that at 4.40 p.m. on the 16th, she had run aground on Royal Captain Shoal. She refloated at 9.45 p.m. and was proceeding to Manila, no assistance being required.

The French Mail s.s. Angkor, which also came in this morning, reports that she received a wireless message from the Kifunezan Maru No. 2, the agents of which are the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, to the effect she had gone aground on the Comet Bank, off Hainan Island, the position being 18.33 N. 108.23 E.

The Manila Daily Bulletin of January 15th, reports that the s.s. Patrick Henry, 8,925 tons, of the Tampa Inter-Ocean Steamship Co. (Pacific Mail Steamship Co. agents) had been beached on the coast of Sibay Island, 220 miles south of Manila, after striking a hidden reef which had caused damage sufficient to flood one of the holds. The vessel left Pulupandan on January 13th, bound for Manila with 9,000 tons of cargo, including 5,209 tons of sugar and some rice.

BATTLING KEY.

Retains Malayan Light Weight Championship.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 19.

Battling Key retained the Malayan Lightweight Championship by beating Root, who retired at the end of the fifth round. A sensational incident occurred in the first round, Key being declared winner on a foul, but pleaded for the continuance of the fight to give his opponent a chance. The officials agreed.

RUBBER ACTIVE.

Shares Advancing.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 19.

There is great activity in rubber, which is now quoted at 1-3/4d. America is buying strongly. Shares continue to improve.

ANOTHER LITTLE WAR.

London, January 19.

Telegrams from Stockholm assert that the Russian Revolutionary War Council has declared the Smolensk district in a state of war, and troops have been moved to the south-west. Trains have been requisitioned for transport, and fortifications have been built in the Dvina district. Pontoons have been placed across the river and reconnaissances are being made in the direction of Braslav, which has been occupied by the Poles.

GERMANY ARRAIGNED AT THE HAGUE.

The Hague, January 19.

The first example in history of sovereign States arraigning another sovereign State before an International Court has occurred in connection with an application filed by Britain, France, Italy and Japan against Germany, concerning the latter's refusal to permit a British vessel free access to the Kiel Canal in 1921, in accordance with the Peace Treaty.

THE BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

Paris, January 19.

An official decree has been published extending, for a year, the privilege of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

LADY ROBBED.

A Belated Report.

Though the affair occurred on the 11th instant, it was not until yesterday that the report reached the police from Mrs. Toppin, living at No. 7 Peace Avenue, Hamantin, to the effect that while riding in a ricksha, in company with an amah and a servant boy, on the day in question, she was stopped near the junction of the Yau-mat and Kowloon City Roads by three men armed with knives or daggers. They made her step out from the vehicle and stole her finger ring and a sum of \$3.50. The amah was taken to the hillside, where she was divested of her jacket. The boy was taken by the third member of the gang to another spot, the object of the men in choosing these different locations for robbing their victims apparently being not to attract attention from persons passing along the roadway. However, as it was seen that they would not be allowed to be left undisturbed for long, the robbers made off before they had finished the business of searching their victims.

GOLFING ACCIDENT.

Local Lady Injured.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended to Miss Jessie Rodger, who whilst playing golf yesterday morning on the Happy Valley course, was the victim of a distressing accident.

Miss Rodger, who was playing with a lady friend, was walking up the course from the fourth tee when she was struck just under the right eye by a fast ball which had been driven by a gentleman player from the seventh tee. She was at once conveyed in a motor car to Dr. G. M. Harrison's consulting rooms in town, where an examination revealed that the cheek bone had been fractured. It was also feared that the right eye had been injured. Miss Rodger, who was suffering great pain, was later taken to the French Hospital, Causeway Bay.

On enquiry this morning, we learn that the injuries are not so severe as were at first thought. There is no danger of the right eye being affected, although the face has been badly cut and the cheek bone injured.

TUCHUN OF FUKIEN.

Peking, Jan. 19.

It is unofficially stated that a mandate is being issued dismissing Li Hou-chi and appointing Sah Cheng-ping Tuchun of Fukien, with General Wang Yung-chuan as Assistant Director of Military Affairs.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Land Investment Co.'s Profits.

Sir,—Allow me a little space in your valuable paper in order to bring to the notice of investors an injustice done by the Directors of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Ltd.

I notice that the Directors of the said Company have seen fit to reduce the return to the shareholders in the way of bonus although the Company is reported to have done exceedingly well. Last year the bonus to the shareholders was \$9, and this year it is only \$8. It may be said that the dividend for the year is increased from \$5 to \$5.5, and therefore the return is exactly the same as the previous year. However, I must point out that a company pays a bonus to shareholders as its profit for the year justifies. In other words, when a Company makes more profit than the year before it will distribute a bigger bonus to the shareholders. But in the case of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Ltd., the Directors have done just the opposite thing.

Another point I want to raise is the reason why the Directors require to keep such a large cash balance. They have not invested same on good-return mortgages to earn their own 10% remuneration on what is called profit, which is really interest on money that they should have handed over to the shareholders long ago.

You will see how unfair it is to the shareholders for the Directors to sit tight on the money which should have been rightly distributed among the shareholders and charge 10% on the interest thus accrued. It must be remembered that on this money which the Directors had already charged 10% per cent. The shareholders get very little benefit on such a large accumulation of wealth in the hands of the Directors. It is by no means a difficult task to deposit this money with first-class banks and charge 10% per cent. on the interest earned as remuneration for doing so. As land properties in the Colony will appreciate to a far greater extent than what they have been during the last two years, I may also point out that there is absolutely no necessity for a company like the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Ltd., which is a purely property-owning company, to keep such a large ready cash balance as it has done. It may be argued in this connection that the Company owns a great deal of reclaimed land in Wanchai, the development of which will require a large outlay. If the report is true, I hear that the Company had recently sold a greater part of this reclaimed land and the profit thus obtained will be more than sufficient to develop what has not yet been sold.

Enclosed please find my card. Yours etc., A SHAREHOLDER. Hongkong, 19th January 1923.

THREE EMPRESS BOATS.

Unusual Harbour Sight.

When the Empress of Russia came into port at 6.30 this morning and made fast to Buoy A.1, there were three big Empress boats in the stream, this being the first occasion of its kind. At 9 o'clock, however, the Empress of Canada was taken in tow by the tug-boat Henry Keswick and towed to Kowloon Dock for her annual overhaul. The Blue Funnel freighter Elpenor took the Canada's place, and there were then left in the stream the following big boats:—Empress of Asia, Empress of Russia, Elpenor, Angkor and Siberia Maru—a goodly showing.

The Empress of Russia brought 1,187 tons of cargo, 64 first-class passengers, 30 second-class passengers and 280 steerage.

DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB BALL.

Enjoyable Evening at the City Hall.

There were upwards of two hundred persons present in the City Hall last night on the occasion of the annual ball of the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club, and all spent a very enjoyable evening.

The entrance hall, pillars, and staircase, and St. George's Hall, where the dancing took place, were very tastefully decorated with bunting, and palms, and a similar scheme of decoration was applied to St. Andrew's Hall, where the company sat down to supper at a quarter past eleven. The front of the building was illuminated by an electric sign comprising the letters D. R. C. The Weylars' Jazz Band supplied the excellent music for the long programme of dances, which commenced at nine o'clock and extended up to two in the morning.

The officials in charge of the arrangements were:—President, Commande H. E. Grace, R.N., chairman, Mr. H. A. Nott, M.B.E., vice-presidents, Eng. Capt. Bromwich, R.N., Eng. Com. Hocken, R.N., Messrs. Mules, Mitchell, H. G. Lowe, Hearn, Swindell, H. A. Nott, and Commander C.E. Brooke, R.N.; and committee, Messrs. C. Clear, C. Shepherd, A. Dawson, E. Nicholson, F. Phillips, E. Newham, L. Daniels, S. Persey, R. Cassidy, A. Elswick, and J. Cameron; M. C's, Messrs. D. J. Brock and H. Rudden; steward, Mr. J. Hollidge; and general secretary, Mr. H. W. Sandford.

Thanks are due to H. M. S. Tamar for the loan of bunting, especially Chief Gunner Edwards, R.N., to Mr. L. Luck for decorating the balls, to Messrs. Newham and Babbidge for tables, to Mr. S. E. Alderman for the D. R. C. sign, the Hongkong Electric Co. for additional lighting, the Forestry Department for the plants, and the Captain Superintendent of Police for extension of motor traffic. The excellent supper was supplied by Cafe Wiseman.

PAKHOI NEWS.

Sun's Troops Withdraw.

Writing under date of the 15th instant, a Pakhoi correspondent states:—The military situation in this part of the country has made rapid changes during the past few days. As previously reported, all Chan King-ming's forces had left here by junk and steam transport, excepting local troops, who were holding on to Limchow city. It now appears that the loyalty of the troops who left was doubtful (it is now known that several of their petty officers had been shot for secretly making plans to go over to Sun Yat-sen's side) and one hundred of them, instead of going aboard the transports, made off across country with their arms and escaped. Some days following their departure Pakhoi was entered by Sun's troops in fairly large numbers. These men suddenly withdrew yesterday morning, and to-day Pakhoi was occupied by Tang Pun-ying's troops, supporters of Chan King-ming.

As to what actually occurred at Limchow, the most reliable story is that Soe Sam-cho, who is in command of the defences of the city, made a sham surrender to the attackers (Sun Yat-sen's men, mostly bandit troops) and opened one of the city gates, through which the latter commenced to enter. But Sun's men were suddenly attacked in the rear by Tang Pun-ying's troops and the trap was so effective that Sun's men discarded their banners and standards and fled. It is said that they suffered severe losses. Where Tang Pun-ying's troops came from, and how they reached Limchow, is not known here. They were at Hoihow not long ago.

CHINA PROVIDENTS.

Dividend of 12½ Per Cent.

Subject to audit, the Consulting Committee and the General Managers of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Company, will recommend at the meeting of shareholders to be held on February 10th, the following appropriation of profits:—
A dividend of 12½ per cent. (or \$1.25 per share) \$212,500.00
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To place to Equalisation of Dividend Account 25,000.00
To pay a bonus to Staff 3,033.00
To carry forward 2,632.74
\$265,165.74

LATEST CANTON NEWS.

City Still Quiet.

A Canton correspondent writes us under date of yesterday as follows:—

The city is quiet to-day, and the shops are resuming business as usual. The Tai Sun and the Sincere Stores have only opened one of their small gates; and until these large stores have sufficient confidence to reopen properly, the majority of the people will feel nervous.

The local trains on the Kowloon-Canton line are running to-day, and the through trains may start to-morrow.

The troops are behaving remarkably well and it is said that the officers in charge of them have promised to maintain order. The city is a veritable Cave of Adullam, (and without a David in it, at present) filled with men who represent different interests, and many of them discontented with their lot. It is said that all of them are waiting for Sun Yat-sen to come and settle the question, and produce harmony out of chaos, by reconciling the many elements who cannot reconcile themselves.

The repatriation of the Kwangsi and Yunnan troops is the burning question, and gossip among the student class says they will be used by Sun to subdue that part of Kwangsi which gave him so much trouble last June, when he was compelled to return to Canton through the treachery of his subordinates!

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The T. Daniel Frawley Company commences their season at the Theatre Royal to-day. A matinee performance takes place this afternoon at 4.30 p.m.—Page 4.
Leopold Godowsky, the famous pianist is to give recitals in Hongkong on the 29th and 30th inst.—Page 4.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough give notice of important auction sales of the 23rd and 28th inst.—Page 4.

At the Kowloon Theatre to-day, Charlie Chaplin is appearing in his latest picture, which is entitled "The Idle Class."—Page 12.
A Junior Chinese draughtsman is required.—Page 4.

LISTEN!

Advertising promotes all sorts of ideas—including the idea of buying.

The last performances of "Foolish Wives" take place at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow.—Pages 4 and 12.
Harmston's Circus are showing for three more nights only.—Page 4.
Anderson's are holding a special sale of records and music, prior to removing to new premises.—Page 3.

The last screening of the historical film "Disraeli" takes place at the Coronet Theatre to-day.—Page 12.

The feature at the World Theatre to-day is "The Joyous Troublemakers."—Page 12.

To-day's Exchange.
The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 3 1/2d.
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

OPIUM PRODUCTION.

London, Jan. 19.

Sir John Jordan, interviewed on his return from attending the meetings of the League of Nations Opium Commission at Geneva, said the chief subject discussed was the advisability of a boycott on opium produced in Persia and Turkey if they still refused to conform to the Hague Opium Convention. Great diversity of opinion was expressed. Some thought that such action would only result in an increase in the production of opium in India and extensive smuggling from Turkey and Persia. The representative of India suggested that opium should be sold at a fixed price to prevent a great rise, which would make smuggling a profitable matter. Finally, the question was postponed, but Turkey subsequently intimated her intention of entering the League, which will involve signing the Convention, while Persia also intimated intention to withdraw reservations she had hitherto made. Sir John Jordan opined that when Turkey, Persia and India come in together, it should be possible to materially reduce the world production of opium. There was really no evidence of reduction since the Hague Convention, although there had been local improvements. After referring to the very bad marked recrudescence of opium production in China, Sir John Jordan expressed disappointment that although the British, American and Chinese delegates strongly pressed holding at least one public meeting of the Commission the proposal was rejected.

The Chinese Charge D'Affaires, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu has returned from Geneva. He states that he told the Opium Commission of the League of Nations that the Chinese Government had appointed Commissioners to investigate poppy cultivation with representatives of the International Anti-Opium Association during the coming season. In accordance with a resolution of the third Assembly of the League morphia smuggling into China will be checked as strictly as possible. He thought that one-third of the present total production of opium is quite sufficient for the legitimate uses of the whole world. He questioned why opium-smoking is still permitted in foreign concessions in the Far East.

THE RUHR CRISIS.

London, Jan. 19.

The Times' Essen correspondent learns that a confidential German Mission has departed from Berlin to England for the purpose of requesting British intervention in the Ruhr crisis.

Paris, Jan. 19.

It is reported from Essen that the diversion of coal and coke shipments to France continued yesterday without incident. The Allied Technical Mission has despatched a formal requisition to the managers of State mines, who have to commence carrying it out today, otherwise they will be subjected to coercive measures.

Berlin, Jan. 19.

A message from Dusseldorf says the French have arrested Dr. Schuler, President of the State Finance Department, for refusal to hand over the records of his office to the French occupation officials.

THE CHINA STATION.

London, Jan. 19.

The Admiralty announces that Colonial allowances to naval officers will be made subject to special examination.

Orders have been issued for the light cruiser Curlew to pay off on recommission at Bombay early in February with a Portsmouth crew for further service in the China station. A relief crew is being sent out.

DEBT FUNDING.

London, Jan. 19.

It is reported that Anglo-American differences with regard to debt funding have been narrowed down to about \$5,000,000 yearly, spread over six years. Britain is at present paying American interest at the rate of five per cent. America proposed three per cent. for the first decade, and thereafter 4½ per cent. with a half per cent. sinking fund. Britain proposes three per cent. for the whole period and a half per cent. sinking fund. According to the Washington Post's political correspondent if Mr. Stanley Baldwin is given a free hand an arrangement would be reached, but some British members of the Cabinet think better terms are obtainable.

Washington, Jan. 19.

It was announced at the conclusion of the joint session of the British-American Debt Funding Commissioners that negotiations will be conducted through the British Embassy after Mr. Baldwin's return to London. The American Commissioners declare that nothing should stand in the way of complete understanding and state there is a view to hope that an arrangement in principle will be reached in time for submission to the present session of Congress.

COMPANY REPORTS.

**Hongkong Central
Estates, Ltd.**

The fifth report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Central Estates, Ltd., to be held at 11.45 a.m. on Friday, 26th January, states: The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and having resigned Mr. A. H. Compton as Chairman of the Board for the year ending 31st December, 1922. The net profits for the year amount to \$160,233.72, which, with the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater now retires, amount brought forward from by rotation, and being eligible last year, \$189,862.07, gives an offers himself for re-election.

amount available for division of \$241,109.79. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$4.00 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$2.00 per share, making a total dividend of \$6.00 per share of \$241,109.79 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account. Directors: During the absence on leave of Mr. S. S. Perry, Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith was appointed to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and having resigned Mr. S. S. Perry as Chairman of the Board for the year ending 31st December, 1922. The net profits for the year amount to \$160,233.72, which, with the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater now retires, amount brought forward from by rotation, and being eligible last year, \$189,862.07, gives an offers himself for re-election.

The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922. The net profits for the year, after writing off all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$959,124.79, which with \$654,479.73 brought forward from last account gives an amount available for distribution of \$1,613,604.52. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of 7½% on the paid up Capital of \$65,625.00 a Bonus of \$110.00 per share and to carry forward Balance \$172,978.57

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.
The twenty first report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., to the general meeting of shareholders, to be held at noon on Friday, 26th January, states: The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922. The net profits for the year, after writing off all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$2,212,829.08, which with the amount brought forward from last year \$1,925,861.41 gives

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
The thirty fourth report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at 12.15 p.m. on Friday, 26th January, states: The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922. The net profits for the year, after writing off all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$2,212,829.08, which with the amount brought forward from last year \$1,925,861.41 gives



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Chairman.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The twenty first report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., to the general meeting of shareholders, to be held at noon on Friday, 26th January, states:

The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1922. The net profits for the year, after writing off all Directors' and Auditors' fees amount to \$959,124.79, which with \$654,479.73 brought forward from last account gives an amount available for distribution of \$1,613,604.52. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of 7½% on the paid up Capital of \$65,625.00 a Bonus of \$110.00 per share and to carry forward Balance \$172,978.57

Directors: Messrs. A. S. Gubbay and S. S. Perry having resigned Mr. Hector Sassoon and Mr. A. H. Compton were invited to fill the vacancies. These appointments now require confirmation. Mr. Hector Sassoon and Mr. A. H. Compton now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors: The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire and are recommended for re-election.

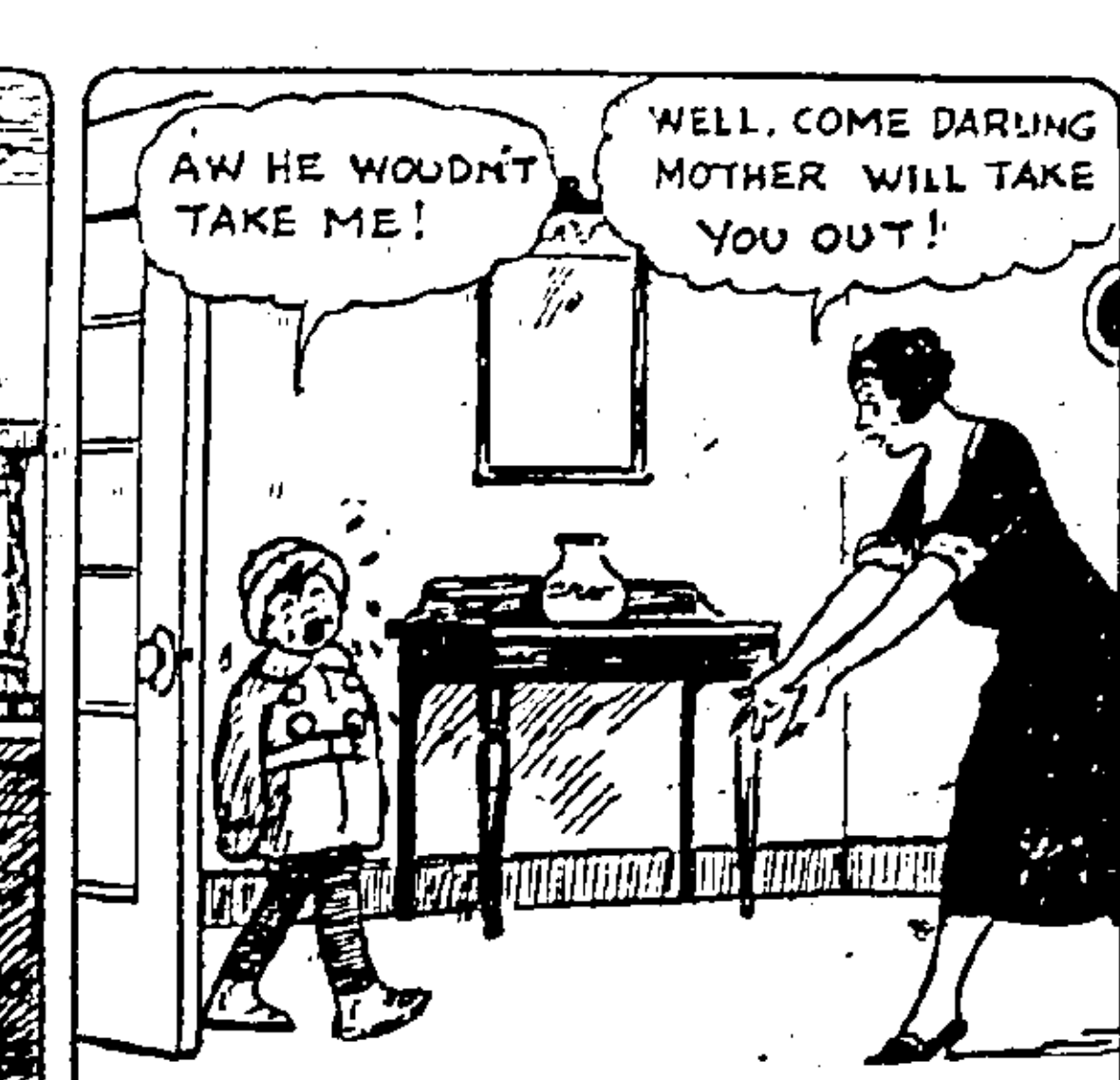
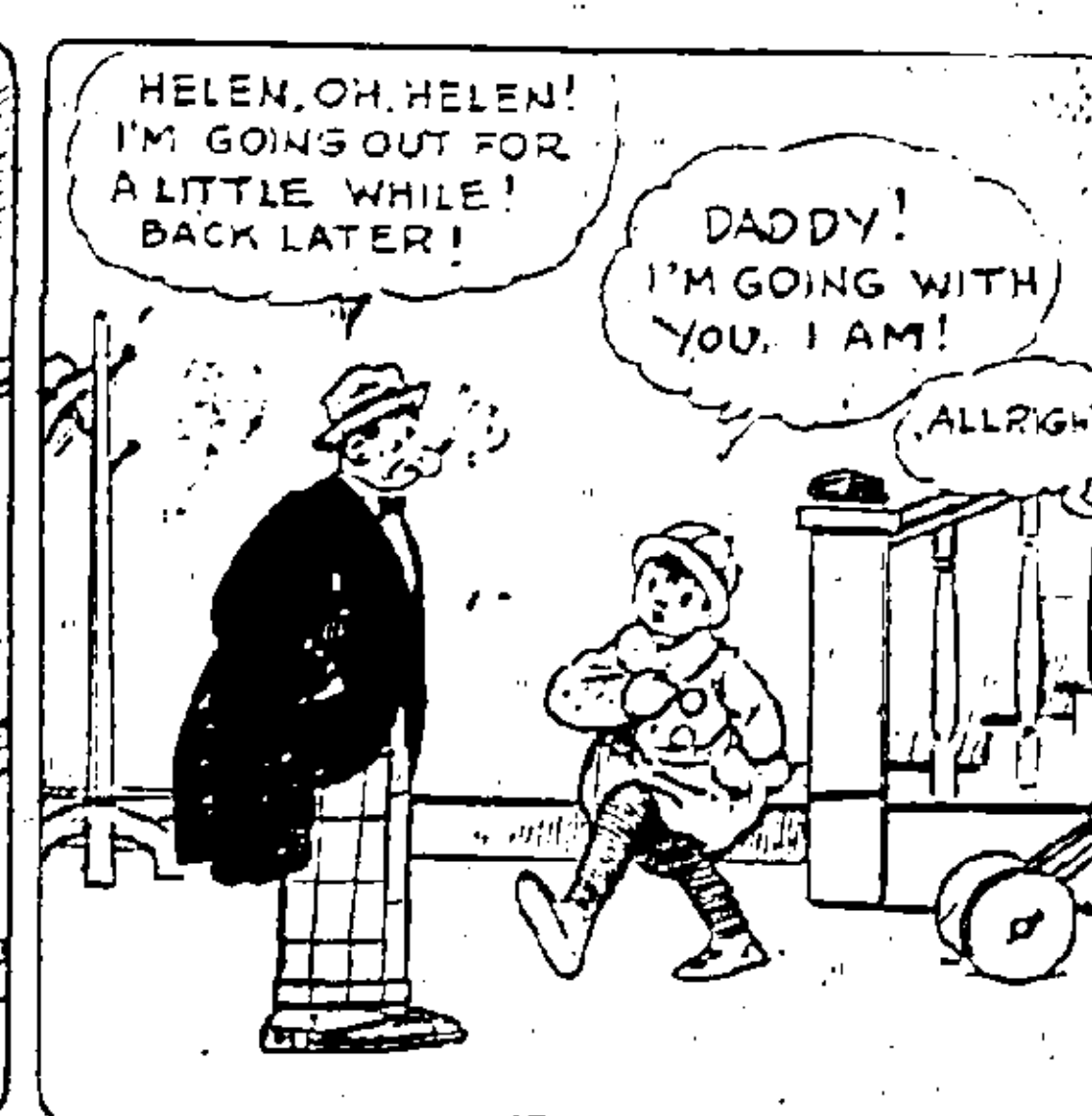
an amount available for division of \$4,139,700.49. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$4.00 per share (\$200,000.00) has already been paid leaving a balance of \$3,939,700.49 available for appropriation which it is proposed to deal with as follows: To pay a Final Dividend of \$6.00 per share \$300,000.00 To pay a Bonus of \$8.00 per share 400,000.00 To pay a Bonus to Staff 8,000.00 To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account \$3,231,700.49 \$3,939,700.49

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THE MUI-TSAI BILL.

Chinese Labourers Support.

A mass meeting of Chinese labourers was held in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday afternoon to consider the new Bill for the abolition of the *mui-tai* system. There were several hundred labour leaders present, representing no fewer than 150 guilds, a small number of which were formed by women labourers.

There were about ten speakers, of whom a lady teacher, all denouncing the system and urging the immediate passing of the new Bill. For the most part the speeches went over the same ground covered at the Kai-fong and Anti-Mui-tai Society meetings.

Mr. So Shun-ching, President of the Seamen's Union, was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Tsui Kung-shop acted as what is called by the Chinese, "moderator," whose duty it is to mention the items on the agenda.

Mui-Tai and Labourer.

After expressing his thanks for the honour done him by the meeting, the Chairman explained that the meeting had been called to consider the Mui-tai Bill. They discussed the miserable status of the *mui-tai* in a Chinese family. These girls formed a large proportion of the population of China. Comparing the relative position of a *mui-tai* and a woman, the Chairman stated that the former, when associated with the treatment of the employer, could resign and seek a new master, but a *mui-tai* had no opportunity of asserting her rights and could expect no redress for grievances. Cases were not infrequent wherein these down-trodden girls were forced to become concubines of elderly men of 70 or 80 years of age, or of irresponsible husbands against their will. It was utterly outside their power to defy their masters.

A labourer perhaps appropriated more than others what hardships of the *mui-tai* situation. He himself was not free. The Chairman then referred to the joint efforts of the Anti-Mui-tai Society and the Mui-tai Protective Society in bringing about the new legislation and the resolution passed at the Kai-fong meeting at the Town Hall.

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that her tongue would be bound with hot fire tongs if the injunction were not obeyed. When her mistress went out the girl was locked up in a room so that no one could go near her. Here is a case which requires attention," said Dr. Young. "But if it is hopeless to do anything. The only people who know the girl's sufferings are probably fellow inmates of the house, but like most Chinese they have no inclination to meddle with other people's affairs, especially if interference may bring a little trouble and in exchange to themselves."

The Woman to Blame.

Mr. Wong Tui-see expressed the opinion that the abuses and treatment a *mui-tai* had to endure were worse than a workman. Generally speaking the man did not ill-treat a *mui-tai* girl; it was often the woman who, ignoring the tender age of young *mu-tai*, chastised them for the slightest deviation from duty. The speaker said that there were few public spirited Chinese, for was there not a Chinese saying "Confine your attention to the snow on your own doorstep and leave the frost on your neighbour's roof?" Mr. Wen said that it had been mentioned that the abolition of the system would deprive many households of trusted old servants. This aspect of the question was a matter of no great account, for among the girls to be benefited by the Bill would be many *mu-tai* from 5 to 10 years of age, whom it would be inhuman for adults to employ. In the middle ages of Chinese history slaves were introduced. Up to the present time the system had not been altogether abolished. "Now that the Government has taken the initiative there can be no better opportunity of eliminating a chapter of Chinese history for which no pride can be claimed," said the speaker. "We must do our best to support the new measure for God helps those who help themselves."

Mr. Leung Ping kwah endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker as to the desirability of the Bill. He suggested that all labour guilds stamp petitions with their chops, to be forwarded to the Government, if necessary.

"It is a most inhuman system," was the description of the custom of keeping *mui-tai* given by Mr. Wu Man-kung. "Every person is gifted with two hands. Why should he or she depend on little girls of tender ages to help them?" Mr. Wu Man-kung said that those who opposed the Bill were all of the merchant classes and lived in luxurious fashion. The Chinese should have taken up the *mui-tai* question several years ago instead of waiting until the foreigners had taken the initiative. "If we remain inactive it will show that we like vegetating in the rut," concluded the speaker.

Several other speakers who followed also supported the Bill. One of them gave it as his opinion that the new legislation would help to eliminate kidnapping. If the sale of humanity was banned it would not be an easy matter for a kidnapper to dispose of a child whom he had abducted.

Equality with Men.

In deference to the express wish of the meeting Miss Wong Wai-choi, a young school teacher, got on the platform. Miss Wong said that unless the women of China obtained distinction among their own sex, such as the abolition of the *mui-tai* system, they could never succeed in securing equal rights to men, however assiduously they strove. After specifying several instances of ill-treatment meted out to *mu-tai* the speaker said that if the rich realised the futility of their time and acted on the saying "Don't do to others as you would not like to be done unto" there would be less inhuman treatment.

Mui-tai's Pay.

Mr. Kwong Tat sang asked whether the pay provided for the *mu-tai* in the Bill was to be paid to the girl or to her mother and if means could not be devised to ensure that the girl's master would adhere to the provision.

Mr. Tsui Kung-shop replied that the Anti-Mui-tai Society would be requested to take up the matter with the Government and make sure that the money would be received by the girl.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Chairman said he would ask the meeting if they were in favour of a resolution supporting the Bill and pointing out the importance of the registration clause and the necessity of providing accommodation for the *mu-tai* in their required assistance.

The resolution was put to the meeting and passed unanimously. A committee was then elected to examine the Bill thoroughly to ascertain that there are no flaws.

During the meeting Mr. Tsui Moffat explained the Bill in detail from a Chinese translation.

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NOTICE.

ORIENTAL NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE Statutory General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Prince's Building, on Monday, the 22nd of January, 1923, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Statutory Report of the Directors pursuant to Section 66 (3) of the Companies Ordinance 1911. The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 15th January to 22nd January, 1923, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

E.T.H. BUNJE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th Jan. 1923.

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Tournament, Saturday 27th Jan. 1923,

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1st. December, 1923.—6th. Drawing of the Third Year Loan (\$2,750,000); redemption begins 31st. December.

10th. May, 1923.—1st. Drawing of the Eleventh Year Loan (\$1,000,000); redemption begins 31st. May.

10th. November, 1923.—2nd. Drawing of the Eleventh Year Loan (\$1,000,000); redemption begins 30th. Nov.

As the sixth redemption instalment (\$4,638,740), due on the Fourth Year Loan, is the final one, no Drawing will take place; but redemption of the remaining undrawn Bonds will commence on 12th. April.

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F. A. AGLEN,

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 22nd January, to Saturday, 3rd February, 1923 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1923.

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THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, 26th January 1923, at 11.45 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th. January to Friday, 26th. January, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary.

to the General Managers.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty Second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, 26th. January 1923, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th. January to Friday, 26th. January, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th. Jan. 1923.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE BURNS' ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

MEMBERS are reminded that the bookings for the Burns' Anniversary Dinner close on Monday, 22nd inst.

It is therefore desired that those who wish to be present, should send in their names to the undersigned on or before that date in order that arrangements may be facilitated.

D. K. BLAIR,

Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, 26th. January 1923, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st. December 1922.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th. January to Friday, 26th. January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th. Jan. 1923.

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—

21st. January, 1923, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion (8 a.m.). Children's Service (10 a.m.). Hymns, 241, 223, 363. Matins (11 a.m.). Responses, Ferial; Venite, Barnby (21); Psalms, 42, 43; Foster; Te Deum, Lawes, Cooke, Hopkins; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Anthem, "O that Thou," Sullivan; Hymn, 82. Holy Communion (12 noon). Evensong (6 p.m.). Response, Ferial; Psalms, 33; Tallis; Magnificat, Smart; Nunc Dimittis, Felton; Hymns, 220, 79, 20.

St. Peter's Church, West Point. Sunday, 21st Jan. 1923, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, McDonnell Road below Bowen Road Tram Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m.; Wednesday, 5.45 p.m.

EASTERN ITEMS.

According to the Chinese Press, the promoters of the China Ox Theatre in the French Concession, Shanghai, having lost more than \$20,000 over the venture, have now given the animals freedom for life and paid \$200 to a farmer for their maintenance.

The Eastern Times estimates that at least 1,500 refugees from the Russian vessels, which have just left Woosung, have been left behind in Shanghai. The Chinese authorities have instructed the Bureau of Russian Affairs to register the names and addresses of these people.

Captain and Mrs. Gordon, of Taku, left for Home last week on Captain Gordon's retirement. Captain Gordon is the oldest of the Taku pilots, having had a long and honourable career in that capacity. Prior to becoming a pilot he was in command of one of the China Merchants' smaller boats, a craft familiarly known as Li Hung-chang's yacht.

Alexander Warwick, described as an electrician, with no fixed abode, was charged before his Honour Judge Grain at H. M. Police Court, Shanghai, on January 12th, with the larceny of \$134 from a Chinese complainant residing at 58 Shantung Road. Det. Sgt. Douglas said that when defendant was asked why he was in possession of the money, he replied that the money had been given him in Hongkong. The men who gave it to him wanted him to buy some pistols. Defendant did not know the address of this man in Hongkong. In answer to his Honour defendant absolutely denied the charge. He was cautioned.

DICK TURPIN INN TO DISAPPEAR.

Haunted Room and Secret Passage in Eltham Hostel.

Reputed to be 700 years old, and in past times a favourite halting place of Dick Turpin and other notorious highwaymen, the picturesque King's Arms Inn at Eltham was closed down recently.

It is to make way for a modern namesake close by.

Road widening of the main road between London and Folkestone has necessitated sweeping away the inn—a timbered building of two floors—which projected upon the thoroughfare, writes a Daily Chronicle correspondent.

The inn boasts of a haunted room, and there is also a legend that subterranean passages reach to the neighbouring church.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO.

A Glance at our Files.

(Jan. 12-13, 1901.)

HONGKONG ARCHITECTURE.

Hitherto in my humble opinion, says a contributor, buildings in this Colony, speaking only of appearance, have suited their surroundings, and it is to be hoped that plaster ornamentation will be kept in its proper place. Mouldings in plaster, though perishable, look fairly well, but there seems a tendency to go in more for scroll-work and indefinable knobs and pinnacles, reminding one somewhat of the China dogs and lions on the cottage mantelpiece at home. These, I think, give an otherwise fine building the appearance of some masterpiece of the confectioner's art in the iced cake line. It is to be hoped, too, that the craze for moulded (carved?) terracotta blocks and bricks of variegated colours will never gain a foothold in Hongkong. A house with the front picked out in patterns of red, white and yellow, which are much in vogue at present in English provincial towns and suburbs, reminds one more or less of the wooden bricks for making German toy houses, and at once stamps a building as of a cheap and tawdry description. Hongkong has been very free, hitherto, from having its houses and streets defaced by the huge glaring advertisements so common at home. I am rather afraid a start is being made in this direction, but hope it may only be an exception to the rule.

THE NEW TERRITORIES.

The advent of British rule in the New Territory appears to have brought a certain amount of increased prosperity, if the may be allowed to judge by outward and visible signs. On all hands the people seem to have taken it into their heads to repair their houses and, in some cases, have even gone so far as to build new ones. There is a marked improvement, too, in the appearance of many of the ancestral graves, the stucco having been thoroughly repaired and the colouring renewed. This general repairing and putting in order of graves and houses probably does not necessarily mean that trade has expanded or that the farming and—planting industries have increased. The most rational explanation, which we believe to be the true one, will most likely be found in the fact that British taxes are lighter than Chinese and are imposed on a fixed scale. Under the rule of the Mandarins a man paid, not what was just or right, but as much as the Authorities could possibly squeeze out of him. Hence it was not to his advantage to make any outward show of wealth or even comfortable independence. We should much like to hear unbiased Chinese opinion upon the subject.

THEN AS NOW.

The Government must be perfectly well aware that piracy and brigandage is on the increase in and around Canton, that the autumn crops have been exceedingly poor and that the general state of lawlessness is more likely to increase than diminish during the next few months. Distress in the surrounding districts always has the effect of driving many people to seek work in the Colony in order to tide over the time of the dearth, and with the bona fide workers a number of rascals of all descriptions drift here. These men are the very dregs of Canton, and the surrounding country, professional beggars, burglars, sneak-thieves and highwaymen. It is impossible to close our doors against them and hence the only thing that can be done to safeguard the residents of the Colony is to increase the Police patrols and keep a stricter watch upon the city, the suburbs and the outlying districts.

PRUSSIAN CELEBRATION.

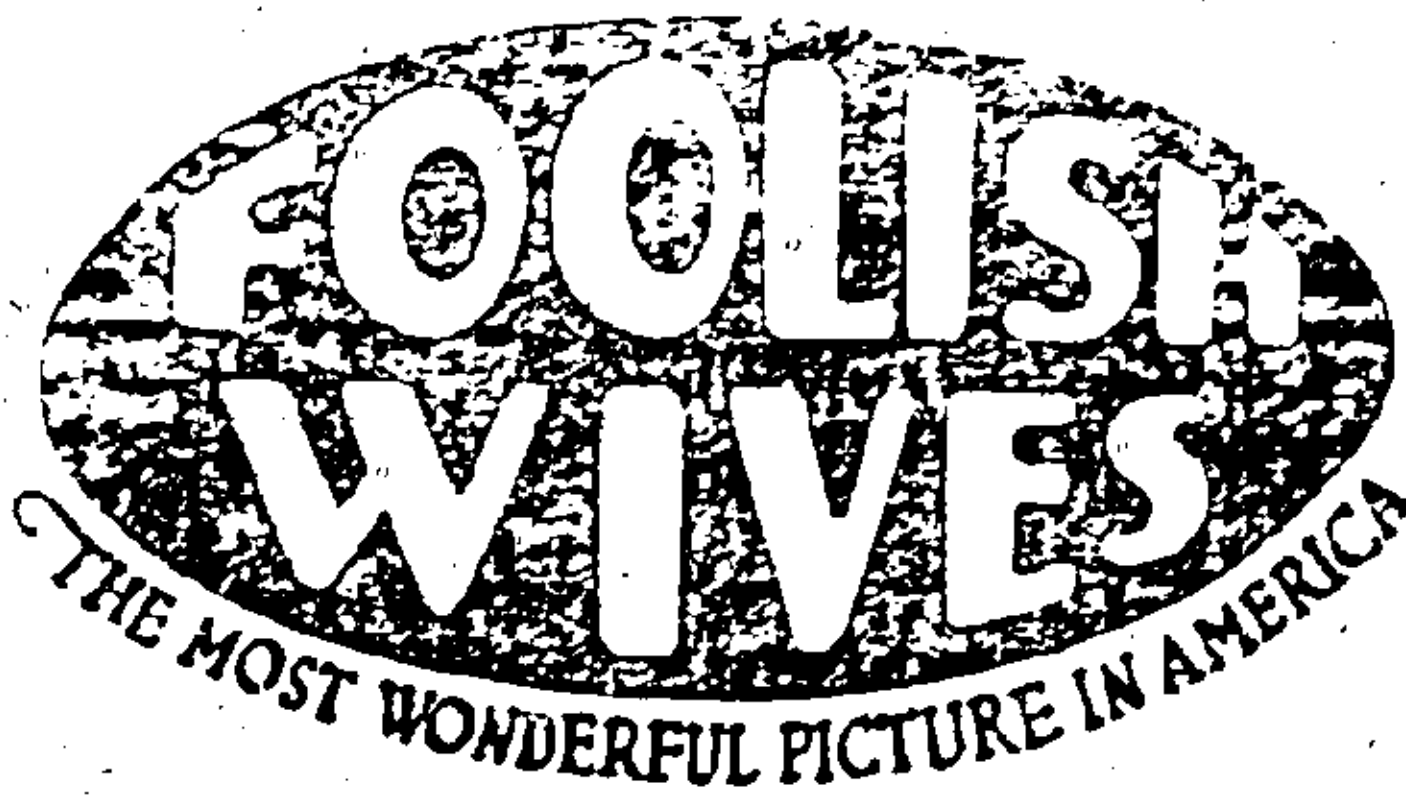
The warships in port were dressed to-day in honour of the celebration of the 200th. anniversary of the founding of the Kingdom of Prussia. At noon a royal salute of twenty-one guns was fired and the concussion of so many places discharged at one and the same time rattled the windows and shutters of the town in a manner not often witnessed. In explanation to our readers we desire to state that the heading "Twenty-two Years Ago" is substituted for that of "Twenty-five Years Ago" in consequence of our files for the years 1893, 1899 and 1900 having been destroyed in a fire some years ago.

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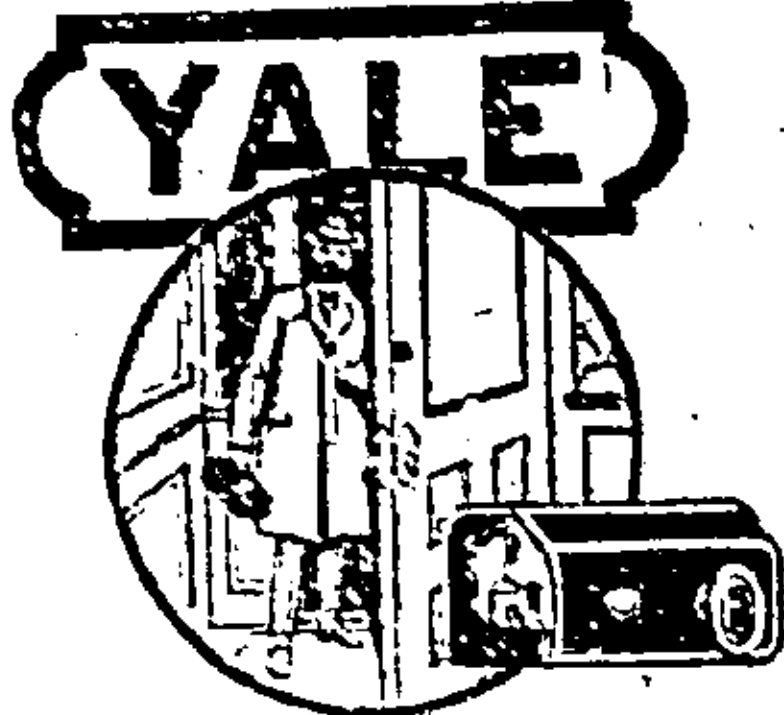
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BIRTH.

THOMSON.—On January 18th, at 53 The Peak to Mr. and Mrs. F. Syme Thomson, a son.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 20th Jan., 1923.

LET THE PUBLIC KNOW.

The Education Board took a wise decision, some weeks ago when it appointed a special sub-committee to consider the whole question of the education of British children in this Colony. We are beginning to fear, however, that unless somebody gets busy, the whole issue may be relegated to the official archives and eventually lost sight of altogether. At the meeting in November last, when the sub-committee was appointed, there was a very full and illuminating discussion on this question. That meeting was open to the Press. In the meantime, the sub-committee has evidently investigated the subject thoroughly, for we were informed yesterday by the Director of Education that its report has been submitted and was discussed at a meeting of the Board on Thursday. This meeting, however, was, for some reason, held *in camera*. The consequence is that nobody excepting the members of the Board who attended it knows what transpired.

According to the Director of Education, Thursday's discussion was "confidential" in character, and he was unable to say whether the report of the sub-committee is to be made public. Why all the secrecy? Is there any reason why the public, who will eventually have to foot the bill, should not know the sub-committee's recommendations and the arguments which it adduces in support of them? We should also like to ask why, with a matter of such importance on the agenda, Thursday's meeting of the Board was not thrown open to the Press, as was the meeting at which it was decided to have the whole question investigated. Surely ratepayers would be more interested in concrete proposals than in the proceedings of a meeting at which the subject was discussed in a preliminary way. But, as matters are, the public does not even know the nature of the sub-committee's suggestions, nor is it aware of the attitude of the Director of Education or members of the Board thereto.

In any case, we fail to see what there can be of a "confidential" nature either in the report or the discussion that took place upon it. We cannot conceive of a report by, say, a sub-committee of the Sanitary Board being considered behind closed doors, and we fail to see why such a procedure should be followed in the case of the Education Board, more especially when the subject is one of such general importance as the education of British children. This "hush-hush" policy will not do. Let us have these matters of public concern openly conducted. There is, or should be, nothing whatever to hide. Once again, why all the secrecy?

German Currency.

With several hundred marks worth only a penny, one can realise very vividly that German currency has depreciated to a disastrous extent. Any hopes there were of a rehabilitation of exchange are dashed to the ground, and the question of abolishing the mark again comes to mind. This proposal has been put forward seriously as a possible solution of the difficulty so far as the depreciated mark is concerned. In other words, instead of so many "cents," why not have "cents." However, we fear that nothing can be done at present that is likely to prove the least bit of good—viz conditions in Germany what they are now, the mark will have practically to be left to take its course, and perhaps we shall yet see it a serious rival to the ruble so far as cheapness goes. France would be only safeguarding her interests were she to introduce the franc, or some other currency in place of the mark, in the occupied territory, as is suggested in a Reuter message published yesterday. That should be a solution for the Ruhr region at least. The French are obviously determined to check any form of deliberate "backruptcy" on the part of our late enemy, and in this endeavour we wish our Ally every success.

As In Wartime.

A serious aspect of the new situation in Europe is covered by the news that the German Government is re-introducing measures of food control. There is either an actual shortage already, or else one is threatened. There is sure to be a grave shortage of fuel, following the requisitions. Unemployment promises to increase considerably. Prices are already soaring. The people of Germany are mutinous, and need very little urging to serious disorders. And all the time Bolshevik Russia stands by ready to clasp another partner to its bosom. This is indeed a time for pessimists!

FRAWLEY COMPANY.

Season Opes To-day.

The Frawley Company, starring Miss Adele Food and Mr. T. Daniel Frawley, arrived in the Colony this morning by the Empress of Russia and will open its season at the Theatre Royal this afternoon. The management greatly regrets having disappointed the public last night, but as the Empress was delayed in arrival this was unavoidable. There will be a matinee performance this afternoon, when "The First Year," a domestic comedy, in which Mr. Frawley appears, will be staged. Tonight's show will be "The Cat and the Canary," a mystery play, when both Miss Food and Mr. Frawley will be seen.

There is a change of programme for the early part of next week. On Monday night, "The Gold Diggers" will be produced, and in this Miss Food will be seen in some of her most beautiful Paris and New York gowns. The play which was to have been staged last night, "Enter Madame" will be the attraction on Tuesday night.

MELODRAMA IN REAL LIFE.

A young girl of seventeen, Carmelina Cagliari, sadly left her home in Marseille during the night, and her parents found that she had been taken to the balcony of the second story room where she slept. The girl had gone to a house where a young man named Cien live and, making her way to his room, stabbed him as he slept with a knife, which she had taken with her. The man was not killed, but his condition is very serious, and Carmelina was arrested.

DAY BY DAY.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS TIME SEEM TO ME TO HAVE MORE INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AND ENTERPRISE, MORE OPEN-MINDEDNESS AND DETERMINATION TO THINK THINGS OUT FOR THEMSELVES, THAN I AT ALL REMEMBER THIRTY YEARS AGO.—Mr. J. A. Spender.

Mr. G. H. Potts arrived here by the Empress of Russia.

It is notified that No. 21 Broadwood Road has been exempted from the Rents Ordinance.

It is notified that Mr. H.M.H. Nemazee has been appointed to be a Life Member of the Court of the University of Hongkong.

H. M. troopship Huntsend left Southampton on the 16th inst. with relief for Gibraltar, Malta, Constantinople, Port Said, Singapore and Tientsin.

Letters Patent have been granted to Mr. George Andrew Burn, Talkoo Sugar Refinery, for an invention for improvements in means for swinging derricks in cargo ships.

Rural Building Lot No. 220 will be sold at the P.W.D. Offices on February 5th. It is situated at Pokfulam, has an area of about 8,500 square feet and the upset price is \$1,420.

Towards the \$6,000 required for sending 42 Hongkong Chinese athletes to the Far Eastern Games at Osaka, the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Federation has now raised \$1,455.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Christopher Willson, O.B.E. (Major—Retired) to be Second Lieutenant in the Reserve Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The woman and the two men arrested by Inspector Bloor in connection with the seizure of eight tons of raw opium were brought up before the Magistrate this morning and remanded on charges of smuggling the drug and for being in possession of arms.

Owing to the delay in the arrival of the Empress of Russia, the Frawley Company were unable to appear at the Theatre Royal last night, much to the disappointment of many residents, who turned up at the theatre not knowing that the boat was delayed.

With regard to the projected Church in Kowloon, all that is to be said at present, says Union Church Record for January, is that we have reason to hope a way out of the difficulty may soon open up. As soon as more definite information can be given it will be furnished.

Command Orders notify that the following localities are out of bounds.—Li Chi, Anton, Gresson and Landale Streets; St. Francis Street, St. Francis Lane and Holy Infant Lane (Wanchai); the village of Hunghom and that part of Yaumati north of Austin Road and west of Nathan Road.

An official notification states that the rates of postage from Hongkong on newspapers published in Hongkong and posted singly to the following places shall be—British Possessions and China, 2 cents per 4 ounces or any fraction thereof; all other places, 2 cents per 2 ounces or any fraction thereof.

Something of the seamy side of life which the rest of the world finds so fascinating is pictured in "Blackmail," Sunday's picture at the Coronet. For next week's programme at the Coronet two special attractions have been chosen. "Flower of the North," a stirring tale of love and romance based on a novel by James Oliver Curwood, is one of them, and the other is Charlie Chaplin's latest, "The Idle Class."

As a sub-contractor, named Wong Wai, living at Amoy Lane, was proceeding along the old Yaumati Road from Kowloon to the roadside where they had remained in concealment behind some bushes, and pounced on him and on the foki who was with him. They took away his belt and a sum of \$50, an overcoat, and a sum of \$8. From the foki a smaller sum was obtained, before they made their escape.

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

We are authorised to contradict the rumour to the effect that when the Harbour Master was asked where the Laconia should be moored, he laconically replied, "Atta Boy!"

"Young man of 21 would like post where fondness for drawing would be useful," says an ad. in a Manchester paper. Cheques or corks?

When are the police going to deal with the great unwashed who infest the business centres of the city? These beggars are becoming a positive nuisance and many of them have been with us since the time of the seamen's strike. Their pestering persistence must pay or they would have sought pastures new ere this. The arm-flapping dumb boy at the Ferry belongs to the same class. He should be put into some sort of institution and taught something more useful than sponging and revealing his infirmity for a living. We hate to trouble you, Mr. Wolfe, but really pedestrians ought no longer to be pestered in this fashion.

A gentleman "with capital and brains" announces in a London journal that he desires "an outlet of both." He should walk bare-headed through Houndsditch between 1 and 3 a.m., carrying all his money with him.

Re the Harbour Department's Shipping Reports, in the official form to be filled in on the arrival of every vessel entering the Port, there appears the query: "Any births or accidents on voyage?" H'm.

Say, what ish know? It's too bad. Just as we were beginning to get a slant on the American language and to get hold of the ab-so-lutely ko-rect method of chewin' gum, the lil' ol' Laconia beat it out of port.

"For sale, Adam's stove," says an ad. in a Home paper. Nowadays they certainly do sell all the old stuff.

From the Morning Post:—"As General Chan King-ming's Government has been overthrown, the Canton Court has found Dr. Colbert not guilty."—*Credo quis absurdum.*

When we saw him first he was feeding monkey butts, time about, to a couple of full-sized elephants. Later in the evening we crossed over between the turns. That was our first break, for, too late to withdraw, we found that we had intruded on a grief begotten of mountain dew, which is another way of saying that he was greetin' fou. On our approach he wiped a tear, remarking the while that he had never laughed so much since the mate of the Mintang fell down the hatch and broke his neck. Some people have a queer sense of humour.

"Ay," says he, "the boys have a left me the night. They're a round the corner seeing 'Foolish Wives,' but I had enough o' one o' they kind in my day without paying good money to see the like in the pictures. That minds me o' once when I was in London wi' money in my pouch for the spending. In the course o' my travels I hit on a place advertising 'All Babs and the Forty Thieves.' Thinks I to myself, the very place to rest my feet, so I went in and bought a ticket. It was only after I'd counted my change twice running that I discovered that I'd been done. 'Here,' says I to the chap at the door, and laying down my money again 'what's the idea?' 'Quite correct,' says he. 'Oh' is it? says I, 'maybe you thought I came in wi' a trip. Here, gies my two bob back for I'm no' heeding a curse about the other thirty nine!'

"Ay," says he, "give me a circus every time, except maybe Canton when there's a war on. To tell the truth, the difference is scarcely worth arguing about." With that the next turn commenced. "Ay," says he, heaving a sigh, "life's but a variorum, just a circus when ye come to think of it. Plato, Hegel, Einstein and all the whole boiling o' them are but a bunch o' nuts. Here we have the Greatest (hic) Show On Earth. Now," says he, fixing me with a spirituous stare, "ye need only the courage to think it out for your self."

"Here we have the Elephants and the Mon-(hic)-keys and the Horses and the Asses and the Clowns and the Acrobats. Above them all, ay, above the Ring-master and the Man-that-Sticks-up-the-Bills, is the Owner who makes the Plans. Now hold on (hic) for I'm no' finished yet. That's the worst o' me, going as a leddie to a Cameronian Sunday School. Man, it's a fair cause the way religion comes between a body and his pleasure."

"Hold on now. Where was I? Ay, I've gotten a grup o' it again. And here am I. A spectator, sitting in the dollar seats? Man, I'm more than that. I'm part and parcel o' the show. Humble is my stunt. I long through no hoops nor yet do I flee through the air on a trapeze. For all that, I do my bit round the saw-dust orbit o' this Highly Moral Performance. Whether men applaud me or no I shall have helped to make life's show a wee bit more worth the price o' admission."

"Ay," says he, "I'm no' to be contradicted, for I'm dead right. You think I'm drunk, ah?" We hastened to assure him that such an idea had never entered our thoughts. But we must have been poor actors. "Schuse me (hic)!" came the dignified reply. "Schuse me, Kloo Kloooh Klan," from which we gathered that the pronunciation of the name of that somewhat infamous organisation must be a new test for sobriety.

"What chance has the poor Shanghai bachelor? Fifty-seven widows among the passengers!" said the *Shanghai Mercury*, referring to the arrival there of the liner Laconia. We don't like the ambiguous use of those two words "chance" and "poor."

A Reuter message from Hel-singfors yesterday stated that the Congress of Nationalised Industry at Moscow has requested the peoples' commissars "to remove the majority of the heads of the trade delegations abroad." There are two ways of reading this.

A Chinese contractor up North who had the job of re-gilding an eagle lectern in a church, sent in his bill as follows:—"To gold paint one holy chicken, \$5.70."

There is a house to let in Japan where one of the attractions announced is a "large cellar." This is a clever way of taking advantage of the American tourist season.

"Looks like rain," said a New York bar-tender after serving a Hongkongite with "Nearbeer." "Dam well tastes like it," was the polite rejoinder.

Corkscrews have sunk more men than cork jackets have ever saved.

The other day we received a basket of quail from a friend in Hanai, but some of the birds arrived dead and others died soon after arrival here. They had had no food, and we in this Colony, who now talk so much of our S.P.C.A. and the fine work it is doing, ought to enquire a little closer into the conditions under which our poultry, our beef and our pigs are brought from near-by ports. Many of the birds and animals are brought fairly long journeys on which they have no chance of getting either food or water; sometimes forty-eight hours elapse between their shipment and arrival. Is it possible to do anything to alter that state of affairs? It ought to be, seeing that many of the boats engaged in such a trade are British. Here's a chance for S. P. C. A. enthusiasts.

We're glad it's winter. Otherwise our teetotal friends would have found themselves hard put to it to get ice water these past few days.

"A Buff" writes as follows:—"Might I, as a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, beg to enquire why the Committee of the St. George's Ball should put up for ordinary indulgence the pipes of our Most Ancient and Honourable Order? I should also like to know if the Brothers who visited the refreshment bar so-called 'The Bull and Bush' felt any compunction at seeing in common use pipes emblazoned with the emblem of our Order?"

TAIKOO CLUB.

Last Night's Enjoyable Ball.

Lavish hospitality, a simple but pretty scheme of decorations and admirable general arrangements made the annual ball of the Tai Koo Club last night an event which will be looked back upon with pleasure. Those whose energetic efforts had brought about these results certainly have every cause to feel pleased. Of the many special functions held during the season, that held last night in the Tai Koo Club Hall was distinctive in the respect that the decorations were of the simplest manner possible, but the effect was tasteful in the extreme. The number of guests was very much larger than in previous years, the attendance reaching no less than five hundred.

Varied coloured lights wreathed in foliage made up an attractive setting above the entrance, and the staircase leading to the ball room on the upper floor was decorated with coloured bunting and pots of plants. A subdued light showed in the ball room, where Japanese lanterns had been neatly suspended from evergreen festoons running right round the room. At one end of the hall was an illuminated portrait of His Majesty the King, while at the other end the portrait of the head of the firm, Mr. John Swire, showed up in bright illuminations. Accommodation for refreshments and for those not taking part in the dances was all that could be desired. Below were the bar and supper room. A splendid menu had been prepared, the catering arrangements being in the hands of Cafe Wisman. The band from this Cafe also provided the music for the 25 dances arranged.

Chief credit for the success of the function is due to the energetic Chairman of the committee (Mr. J. Russell), the Hon. Secretary (Mr. James J. Whyte), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. C. B. Matthews), Mr. W. P. Seath and the following members of the sub-committee:

Decorations—Messrs. J. Simpson (Convener), R. Gray, T. Young and T. Grimshaw.

Supper—Messrs. J. McRobbin, P. W. Ramsay, Convener, M. O'Brien and D. Morrison.

Bar & Card Room—Messrs. C. B. Matthews, J. J. Whyte, J. Russell, W. Weir and J. Shan.

Door—Messrs. J. Russell, N. Drummond and W. Grimshaw.

Dance M. C.—Messrs. W. P. Seath, S. Hope, C. Young and D. Peoples.

Club Room—Messrs. S. Lilliecrop and J. Laver.

HOCKEY.

King's Win Services Shield.

At the United Services Club Ground, Kowloon, yesterday evening, H. M. Submarines played the 2nd. Bn. King's Regt. in the final tie of the United Services Hockey Challenge Shield competition.

The Submarines had previously beaten the R.G.A. and the Hongkong and Singapore R.G.A., whilst the King's had beaten teams from the light cruisers, Tamar and small ships.

The King's won the toss, but little advantage was obtained from choice of ends. Submarines were early in attack but the King's defence was very sound. After about ten minutes' play, the right wing of the soldiers' team got going and Jones, receiving in the circle, opened the score for the King's. From the "bally-off" the play was fairly even, but the King's returned to the attack and Dangerfield drove hard in. The sailor's goalie stopped the shot, but failed to clear the ball, and Jones dashing up put the ball into the net, making the soldiers two up. Shortly afterwards Dangerfield added a third goal. Half-time—King's 3, Submarines 0.

On resumption, the Submarines pressed hard and their centre-forward reduced the lead with a brilliant goal. Encouraged by this success, the sailors returned to the attack and after about twenty minutes' play succeeded in still further reducing the lead. The soldiers now took up the attack and play was stopped for a few minutes owing to Dangerfield being injured. With about three minutes to go, the issue was put beyond doubt by Irving dashing in and scoring the soldiers' fourth goal.

At the close of the match, after a short speech by Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., the Shield was presented to the winners by Mrs. Grace.

This is the second occasion on which the King's have won this trophy.

LOCAL BOXERS.

Two Good Hongkong Men.

"Fight Fan" sends us the following, which should be of interest to local boxing enthusiasts:

It will be surprising to many of Hongkong's boxing followers to know that this Colony has produced a couple of very good boxers in the persons of Iron Bux and Charley Pitts, the latter being good enough to be pitted against world's champions. Bux has never been given that opportunity, but had he been fortunate enough in his palmist days, he certainly would have given a good account of himself. The career of Iron Bux is history in the Philippines. He held at one time the feather and lightweight championships of the Orient and is the present middleweight champion, having recently defeated Jack Dubuque, the marine, by a K.O. in five rounds. Amongst a few of the men he has met during his brilliant career are Rufe Turner (the great negro who fought such men as Joe Gans, Mike Twin Sullivan, Willie Lewis, Cyclone Johnnie Thompson, Cocker Tweedie, Tommy Tracey, Spider Kelly and a host of others); Sammy Goode, the once four rounds King of France; Young Abe Brown, of New York, who has met such great ones as Freddie Welsh and Matt Wells; Llew Edwards, ex-featherweight champion of Great Britain and ex-lightweight champion of Australia; Owen Cairns, ex-welterweight champion of Queensland; and Ray Pelky, or Lockwood, now doing good amongst the heavyweights on the Pacific Coast. It will be seen that Bux has made a successful comeback after a lay-off of nearly two years, and it is the opinion of many that he has a few good fights still left in him. Should the local Boxing Association be successful in arranging a match for him, lovers of the manly art would be given full value for their remuneration.

The career of Charley Pitts has even been more brilliant. This man is no other than Arthur Gifford, who will be recognised by practically everybody as an amateur boxer and cyclist. After leaving these shores, he fought in Manila with varied success, first as Kid Bull and finally as Charley Pitts of Australia. Pitts, or to give him his proper name, Gifford, has fought Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, losing the decision to him after ten rounds at Montreal; Mickey Walker, welterweight champion of the world, when the latter was in the 135 pound class; and such near-champions as Eddie Fitzsimmons, George K. O. Chaner, Lew Tendler (the most dangerous contender to Benny Leonard's lightweight crown) and a host of lesser lights in Shamus O'Brien, Walter Mohr (the Brooklyn strong boy), Frankie Confrey, George Engel and many others that cannot come to memory at the moment. There is no denying that Charley Pitts is one of the world's front-rankers in the lightweight class and that he has inherited much of his old tutor's skill and punching ability, his tutor being old Rufe Turner, the "old and old man with the educated elbows," as he is familiarly known in Manila and the Pacific Coast. I suppose many local fight fans will claim that the success attained by Pitts is due to the early tuition of old and evergreen Kid Marriott. Hongkong, is not so bad after all in developing such boxers as Bux and Pitts.

THE NEW ROUBLES.

How London Accepts Them.

The City Editor of the *Daily Mail* in mail week writes:

There has been no rush so far to exchange old roubles for new. At Soviet House, 43 Moorgate-street, E.C. 2, it is stated, that all existing rouble notes, including the Romanoff and Kerensky issue, but not local issues made by anti-Soviet leaders, must be exchanged by January 1 for new Soviet rouble notes at the rate of one new Soviet rouble for every 10,000 old. The exchange can be arranged at Soviet House.

Probably the absence of any rush to exchange is due to the feeling that while 10,000 old roubles are practically worthless, one new rouble is no better.

At Soviet House it is stated that for £1 sterling a credit in Russia of some 2,700 new roubles equivalent to 27 million old roubles, can be arranged.

But the real test of the value of the rouble is that Soviet House does not undertake to give £1 for 67 million, or any other number, of roubles.

PARLIAMENT'S FOOD.

Contract Catering System Probable.

It is being whispered about that the new House of Commons may possibly decide, before it is much older, to dispense with the time-honoured method of catering and to let out the contract to some big firm of caterers. So pass the old traditions. It is understood that even Royal garden parties are supplied nowadays by catering firms and that the grand old days—with the profusion of the Royal kitchens, their perquisites, their waste, their "children of the kitchen," and other curious functionaries—are now beyond the ken of the keenest-eyed reformers. The catering of the House has become increasingly complicated with the passage of time.

There was a period when the House finished its business before dinner, and sober members maintained that it was hardly wise to attempt any business after dinner. There was the intermediary period of "Bellamy's pork pies;" there was a long period when members went home to dinner. In our own times there has been the seasonal order "That a Select Committee be appointed to control the arrangements for the kitchen and refreshment-rooms in the department of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House." The chairman of this committee has generally been something of a celebrity, one of the very few non-Ministerial members to whom questions may be put.

But difficulties have multiplied with the changing character of the House of Commons. A generation ago "dinner" had the same meaning for all members, and there was no great difficulty about the arrangements. Now the committee has to arrange for all that variety of meals ranging between the "high tea" and the "banquet," and the intervention of the economy axe has increased the difficulty. So it is suggested that a catering firm could do the whole thing more easily; and there would be power, one supposes, to summon the caterer to the Bar for admonition if the soup were cold or the wine corked.

BACK TO THE OLD.

Official Opening of Singapore Assizes.

The official ceremony, revived after a long period, which marked the opening of the first Singapore Assizes of the year, was witnessed by a large gathering of onlookers in the neighbourhood of the Supreme Court on January 19th, who were duly impressed by the official character of the proceedings. Attention was first attracted by the arrival of a smart Sikh guard of honour, under the command of a Subadar. Marine police were on duty at the entrance and in the hall of the Supreme Court, peons lined the stairs, and police officers from European inspectors down to raw Malay recruits, paraded in the corridor leading to His Lordship's Chambers.

The presiding judge, Mr. Justice Barrett-Lennard, wearing the scarlet and gray robe and the wig of the Assize Judge, arrived punctually at 10.15 a.m. He inspected the guard of honour before being formally met by the Registrar, Mr. W.A.N. Davies, the Deputy Registrar, Mr. T. B. Cocker, and the Sheriff, Mr. M. Rodesse, all of whom wore their official robes. His Lordship immediately entered the Court building. At the head of the stairs were assembled practically all the members of the Singapore bar, who followed His Lordship into the Assize Court, in the appearance of which no other change had been wrought than by the erection of velvet hangings at the entrance from the Chambers to the Bench.

His Lordship had discarded his wig when, shortly after 11 o'clock, he took his seat on the Bench. He was accompanied by the Acting I.G.P., Captain Haanigan in official white; and by the District Judge, Mr. P.K. David, wearing his barrister's gown. Both remained on the Bench during a considerable portion of the proceedings. The front of the Court was closely packed with counsel and visitors; all remained standing while the senior interpreter, Mr. Sopsien, proclaimed the Assizes in the form in common use in the English Assize Courts.

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A number of other correct answers were given. On recovering consciousness, he remembered being asked the questions, but not how he had replied.

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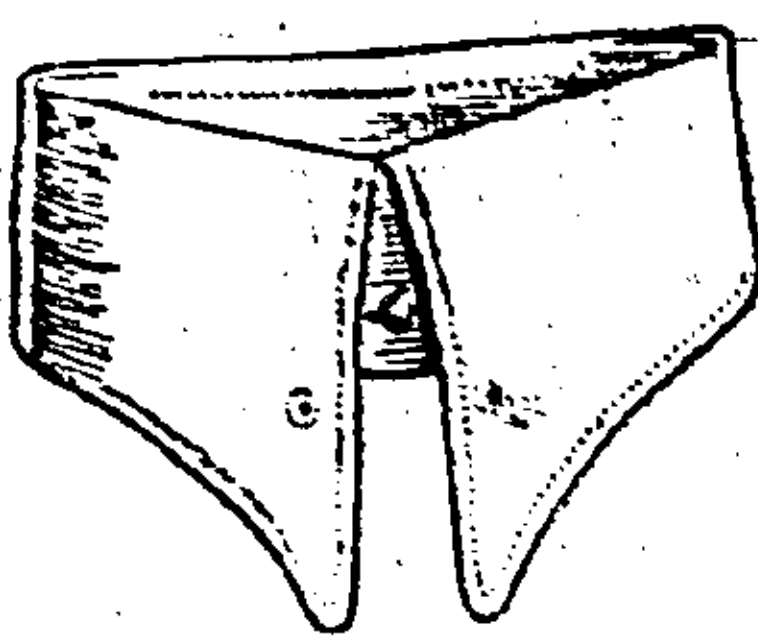
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The Tratman-Farmer wedding—the bridal pair.

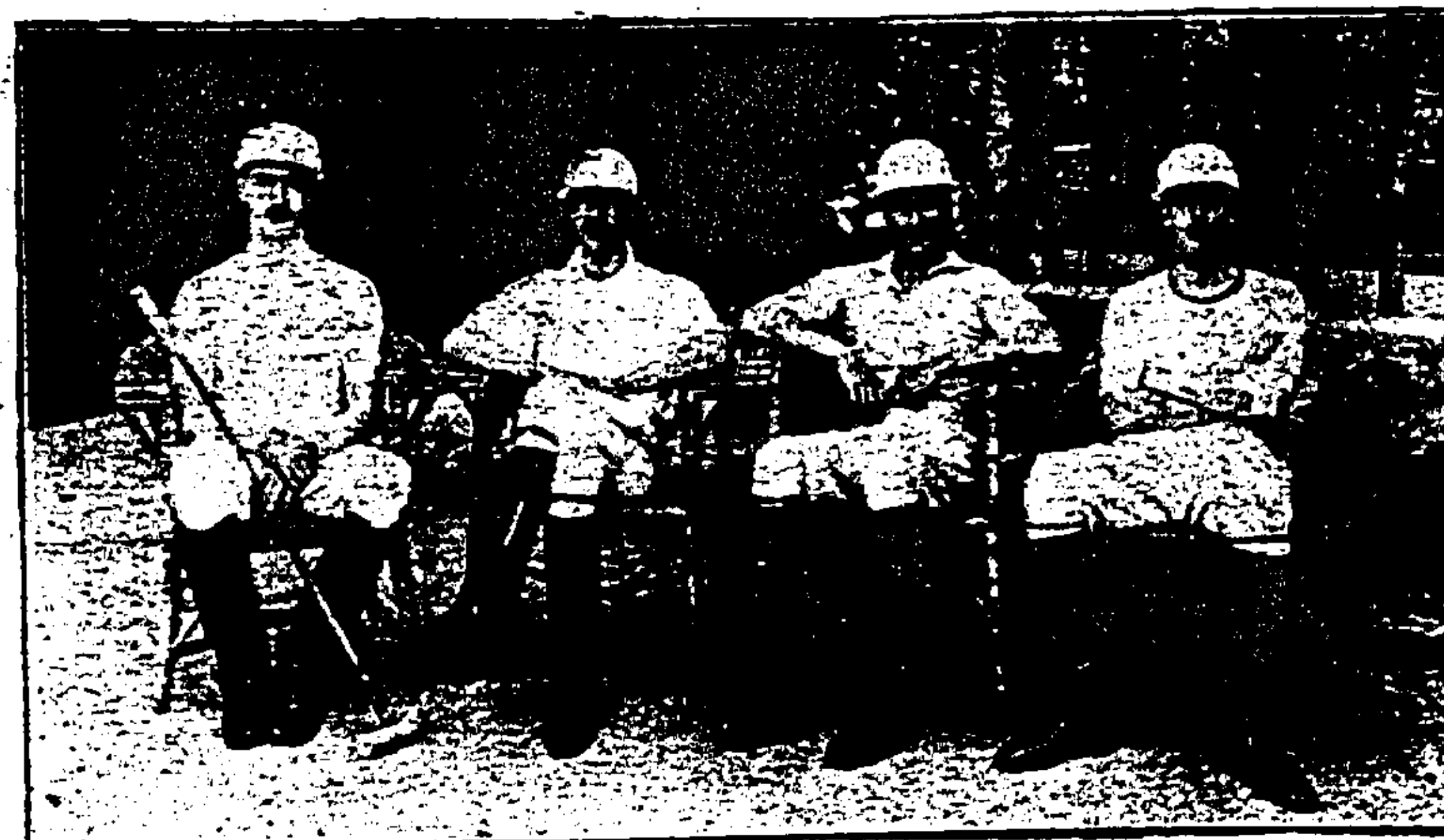


Photo: Ming Yuen.
The Civilian polo team which won the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup last Saturday.



Photo: Ming Yuen.
The Army polo team which lost to the Civilians in the final for the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup.



Mr. T. Daniel Frawley, now appearing with the Frawley
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Kobe via Shanghai Kutsang	Mon.	22nd Jan. at 4 p.m.
TTAG via S'hai & S'hai Tingsang	Tues.	23rd Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wosang	Thurs.	25th Jan. at 10 a.m.
TTAG via S'hai & S'hai Fausang	Fri.	26th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Fooksang	Fri.	26th Jan. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow Esang	Sun.	28th Jan. at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Dufang	Mon.	29th Jan. at 10 a.m.
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Some Precedents of History.

Students of history may be tempted to try a fall with Professor Sir William Ridgway on his defence of the Greek executions as "of incalculable benefit to the nations" in the way of warning to other politicians. It might be suggested that the Professor needs one of two sets of conditions to support his thesis. If the execution of unsuccessful politicians were a new thing in history, then he might be entitled to claim that the future would justify him.

But there have been violent reprisals against politicians in the past, and that being so, the Professor seems to be under a necessity to prove that the "warning" has been valuable. Has it? Is the "pour encourager les autres" policy justified by the experience of history? The famous justification of the execution of Charles I. by the Puritans on the ground of warning was hardly justified by the career of Charles's younger son James. Macaulay took some pains to justify the execution of Strafford against Hallam, but can it be said that the fate of Strafford has had much effect on succeeding statesmen? Even if that were granted, it is worth noting that Macaulay himself admitted that such action as that taken against Strafford would be considered nowadays "extremely pernicious even with a worse Minister than Strafford, if a worse could exist," and no one would suggest that Gounaris was a more dangerous man than Strafford.

It may be said that the power of Parliament in this country ought not to be compared with the state of things in Greece; yet there is no country in which politics are more part of the life of the nation than in Greece, and Gounaris was no dictator to be removed only by unconstitutional means. Over a long period of our history impeachment, disgrace, and even death were the penalties of unsuccessful statesmanship; does anyone pretend that statesmen were better, purer, more careful of the interests of the State than they are now, when the withdrawal of public confidence is the supreme penalty for failure? When politics are a gamble they breed political gamblers.

**"DUTIES OF
GOVERNORSHIP."**

An Amusing Definition.

No anthology of governorship would be complete without the inclusion of the Glasgow member's definition of the functions of the newly-created Governor-General of North Ireland—"Driving through the streets of Belfast in a top-hat and laying foundation stones!" And to this must be added his suggestion that such officers should "put up to auction, since, with the handsome salary provided, there would be plenty of bidders for them. This is a variant of Burke's famous "It was not Virginia that wanted a Governor, but a courtier who wanted a place." As regards the top hat part of the business there comes to mind the story of the noble Viceroy of Canada and the provincial Mayor. They drove together in a carriage, the Mayor holding it in top-hat on his knees. "Pray be covered, Mr. Mayor," said the Viceroy, with condescension. "I didn't take off my hat for you," was the candid answer. "I took it off because my head's hot." This is one of the stories which ends too abruptly, for one will have liked to have had the Viceroy's next remark.

We come next to the foundation stones, and here there is a certain temptation to ask whether there would really be many bidders for this part of the work. King Edward is said to have suffered more in the matter of foundation-stones than in any part of the duties which fell to him as a Prince of Wales. And whatever may be said of the top-hat and the drives through Belfast (not always the safest of amusements), only inexperience could bring any very substantial bids for the privilege of laying foundation-stones, though, in a constricted area like N.E. Ireland, there might not be very many to lay. Some Irish Viceroys are supposed to have found the saluting of debutantes the most attractive part of their duties. Perhaps, though, the Governor-General of North Ireland will not be permitted to exercise this function of Viceroyalty.—*Manchester Guardian.*

